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This book offers a guide to the study of genealogy, or family history, through the use of historical documents, artifacts, and private records. Intended mainly for students who wish to trace their family roots, the book also can be used by anyone interested in the lives of British Americans throughout the years. Chapters describe how to find records that are publicly available. The table of contents includes: (1) "Why Trace Your Roots?"; (2) "Celebrating Heritage"; (3) "The Land of Your Ancestors" includes Scottish, English, and Welsh traditions; (4) "Your Ancestors Were Immigrants" discusses America during the Colonial period, emigration from England, Scotland, and Wales to America, languages, music and dance; (5) "Getting Started"; (6) "Documents and Libraries"; (7) "The Idea of Lineage" includes names, clans, mobility, titles, coats of arms, and heraldry; and (8) "Preserving What You Find." (EH)

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